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Hongkong, 16th July, 1906.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1906.

Intimations. HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st day of July, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the following Resolutions which were passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on Saturday, the 14th day of July, 1906, pursuant to the Order dated the 28th day of March, 1906, made by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Original Jurisdiction in Action No. 371 of 1905, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—
1. That the Special Resolution being the Fourth in Number passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of this Company held on the 3rd and 20th days of June, 1905, respectively, together with all Agreements entered into thereunder and particularly the Agreement in writing bearing date the 18th day of October, 1905, made between this Company and its Liquidators (John D. Humphreys & Son) of the one part and the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, of the other part be and the same are hereby rescinded.
2. That the Draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidators of the one part and the "Peak Tramways Company, Limited," of the other part, be and the same is hereby approved and that the said Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised pursuant to Sections 201 and 202 of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to enter into an Agreement with the said "Peak Tramways Company, Limited," in the terms of the said Draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification as they may think expedient.
Dated 16th July, 1906.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTIETH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 14th August, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th August, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1906.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Dollars Two per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1906, will be payable on the 25th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th instant to the 25th instant (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1906.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$1.50 per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1906, will be payable on the 25th instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th instant to the 25th instant (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1906.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 30th June, 1906, of FOUR DOLLARS per Share.
DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company on and after THURSDAY, the 2nd August.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1906.

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ALSO
GERMAN SAUSAGES, ASPARAGUS, and other VEGETABLES.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1906.

THE SHANGHAI DOCK CO., LD.

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."
Sir,—In your issue of to-day I read, with much interest, the report of the shareholders' meeting of S. C. Farnham Lloyd & Co., Ltd., in Liquidation. Being rather interested in the working of the same firm, I feel it my duty to confute the disparaging remarks of our friend "Potts" regarding the slackness of the staff, whose duty it is to further the Company's interest. I may say from experience that the firm has always run on the most straightforward lines, as far as the staff is concerned, and every nerve of individual members is strained to secure any business in the market, which is proved, as they secure at least 90 per cent of the work estimated for. Those who are successful in securing the remaining 10 per cent of the trade are welcome to it and the profit fairly gained.
Another point which I might put a shade on is regarding the term "opposition firms." I have a pretty fair idea of the cost of labour and material and what profit is required to make 20 per cent and also know that the "opposition firms" mentioned pay from 25 to 40 per cent more for labour than S. C. F. B. & Co. do. If they do the work for 25 per cent less how can they still make 20 per cent in the face of these facts? I am sure no shipping firm could reconcile these figures. Perhaps Mr. Potts can figure it out.
It would be impossible to have a man with more experience, tact and ability than our worthy Chairman, and I am sure the steady investors in our Company are well aware of that fact. Thanking you for the favour of publishing this,—I am, etc.,
LAUDATOR TEMPORIS ACTI.

18th July.
To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."
Sir,—The Dock accounts have very naturally produced serious comment in your columns. I am sure you only "pile up the agony." Your correspondent "Critic" is right enough, but he only "hits the nail" obliquely.
Where one finds an old institution with every advantage of property, position and (it should be) connection, going to the wall while new competitors spring up alongside of it and prosper, only one conclusion can be drawn by sensible people.
The management must be lamentably at fault and that is really what has to be tackled. If this concern, which possesses such valuable assets in property, is to be vitalised,
The asset of really good, "up-to-date" management must be added, and there is then—and only then—hope for the future. Without it things must go from bad to worse.
It was pitiable to hear the Chairman plaintively pleading "to be left alone to work out their own salvation" the old, old cry of last century management. Let me say to you, "Let me dream again!" We won't do anything today that we can put off till next week—or next year.
It is this sort of spirit that has brought the concern to grief. Shareholders made an effort at reform a short time ago, but the "inertia" of the old brigade has apparently emasculated their endeavours and the coach rumbles on in the old rut.
Let shareholders insist on some real driving-power being supplied and the ship should "go full speed ahead." Without this better treat it as derelict.
Reform must begin at the top. There is nothing for it but to
WAKE UP.

18th July, 1906.
Sir,—The Dock meeting yesterday, although largely attended, can scarcely be considered a satisfactory one; the majority of the shareholders had evidently come in the hope that some explanation of the poor results of the year's working would be forthcoming, but the Chairman's speech was disappointing, being principally a repetition of the printed Report, a few platitudes about bad times and a reference to the dividends paid in the past. If surmises are correct, the latter was not actually earned.
As will be seen from the report of the meeting, the Chairman admitted that nothing had been written off for depreciation from plant and stock since the formation of the Company five years before. It was almost an insult to the business men present to ask them to believe that boilers, for instance, although kept in order, could be worth year after year the same amount, to say nothing of the rest of the machinery. There was a general feeling that it was useless to hector the Board, two or three recent changes had been made in its composition, and the new men could not be blamed for the position of affairs; in addition to this, personal friendship prevents acrimonious remarks in Shanghai, and the Report and Accounts were as usual passed. S. C. Farnham Lloyd & Co. have disappeared, and it is to be hoped the new Company will be a more successful one, and conducted on proper business principles. The old Company's reports give little or no information; the assets of 1905 were, in most of the items, identical with those of 1904; everything, including directors' fees, interest, etc., which should be shown in the Profit and Loss accounts, were smothered up in the Working Accounts, and the Auditors' certificates were to all intents and purposes, quite useless.
It has been suggested that the Company's property is too scattered and unmanageable for proper supervision, and that concentration at one spot would be better, after some of the unproductive land has been disposed of. But the outsider cannot be the proper judge in such matters. One thing is quite certain, that at the next meeting of the new Company a year hence, shareholders will expect, and will have a right to expect, a statement of the Company's assets and liabilities be presented, and that depreciation be fully provided for, and shown in the accounts, even at the expense of there being no dividend.
I am, etc.,
SPERO MELIORA.

18th July.

JAPANESE FINANCE.

HOW TO MEET NATIONAL LIABILITIES.
Opinions regarding the future of Japan's finances may be roughly divided into two classes, says the *Oriental Economist*, optimistic and pessimistic. It is, however, wrong to go to extremes one way or the other. Nobody, however optimistic, will imagine that the bonds for the debt of 200 million yen Japan has incurred will be returned without a proportionate repayment, nor will any pessimist, however confirmed in his opinion, suppose that Japan will become bankrupt on account of that debt. Level-headed critics, however, will concur in asserting that the course of Japanese finance is beset with many dangerous rocks through which her statesmen are required to steer clear.
It was a piece of brilliant financial policy for Japan to draw the war expenditure chiefly from foreign sources, thereby enabling a costly war to be carried to a successful issue without disturbing to any great extent the economic interests of the country. It must be borne in mind, however, that the pressure from which the people were relieved while the war lasted will hereafter begin to be felt. The foreign

loan fund raised during the war is now getting short, and the real financial trial of the people is fast approaching.

The remarkable expansion of currency has been one of the effects of the war. In May 1902, the convertible notes in circulation amounted to 100 million yen which a year later had increased to 170 millions, and at the end of last year had reached the enormous total of 310 millions. Since then, with the restoration of peace, a large amount of paper money has been easily called in, though the amount of notes at one time reached 70 to 80 million yen over and above the limits prescribed by law. Nevertheless, there is still something like 250 million yen of money in circulation, which greatly exceeds the amount in circulation before the war. It is, however, doubtful whether the specie reserve at present of 140 to 150 millions will be maintained in the future. When payments abroad begin to be made out of the Treasury, with the exhaustion of the money now kept abroad the necessary funds must needs be drawn from the specie reserve, which, it is manifest, will "come" or later dwindle to below 100 millions. The diminution of the specie reserve means the reduction of currency, bringing in its train the decline of the purchasing power, a fall in the price of commodities, and general trade depression.
The amount of interest Japan will be called upon to pay annually to foreign countries will roughly amount to 65 or 70 million yen. When this is added to the disbursements upon warships, arms and ammunition, and other national expenses, the total, from any difference that may occur in trade, will probably amount to 80 or 90 millions. Hitherto payment of this large amount of interest has been made by means of funds raised by foreign loans, but in future it must be settled by an excess of exports over imports, according to the *Economist*. The excess of imports in 1904 amounted to 52 million yen, in 1905 to 70 million yen, and for the first six months of this year it had reached 47 millions. Most probably the total excess of imports for this year will amount to 70 or 80 millions. Such being the case, the question is how to turn the tide of trade, and obtain an excess of exports to the extent of 70 to 80 millions? The best plan, says the journal, is to cause a fall in the price of domestic commodities by the reduction of the amount of the specie reserve, and to turn the tide of trade by the difference in the value of Japanese and foreign currency. Suppose, for the sake of argument, that 50 million yen of convertible notes are called in, the price of domestic commodities will experience a fall of 20 per cent, which means a 20 per cent increase in the price of articles exported. Also a reduction of 20 per cent will be obtained in the price of Japanese articles against which there is foreign competition. It will be seen, therefore, says our contemporary, the fall in the price of domestic articles works both ways, in the encouragement of exports and the prevention of imports. If this tendency, once created, is followed up by judicious management, it will not be difficult to obtain an excess of exports to the extent of 80 or even 100 millions. In short, concludes the *Tokyo Journal*, the Japanese economic world will not long remain in its present condition, but a storm will burst so or later, and until the storm is over no real and healthy progress will begin.

—Japan Chronicle.

Auction.
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THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,
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Hongkong, 9th July, 1906.

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Intimations.

THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW.
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WAMPOL'S PREPARATION
and given it to their daughters, they would have grown to be strong and healthy women. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. In building up pale, puny, emaciated children, particularly those troubled with Anemia, Scrofula, Rickets, and Bone and Blood diseases, nothing equals it; its tonic qualities are of the highest order. A Medical Institution says: "We have used your preparation in treating children for coughs, colds and inflammation, its application has never failed us in any case, even the most aggravated bordering on aneurism. The children like it, and it builds up their bodies; many little children owe their lives to it." The more it is used the less will be the ravages of disease from infancy to old age. It is both a food and a medicine—modern, scientific, and effective from the first dose. It never deceives or disappoints, and is the medicinal triumph of our time. "There is no doubt about it." Sold by chemists.

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PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 Bottles (quarries) or 4 doz. pints.
Special Prices for Quantities.
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BIRTHS.

On the 19th July, at Shanghai, the wife of I.
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MARRIAGE.

On the 14th inst. at Singapore, by special
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DEATHS.

On the 17th July, at London, WILLIAM
POLLOCK, late I. M. Customs, Ningpo, aged
68 years.

On the 20th July, at Shanghai, S. B. NOS
REMEDIOS, aged 63 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1906

THE OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

At last it has been definitely announced,
on the authority of Viscount Hayashi, former
Minister to St. James's, that Japan will
open Manchuria to foreign trade from the
1st of September next. For a considerable
time ugly rumours have been prevalent that
Japan intended to establish her pre-eminence
as the dominant trade power in Manchuria
so securely that no foreign nation would find
it possible to compete with her merchants
on equal terms. On several occasions the
Japanese Government repudiated that sug-
gestion, but there can be no doubt many
merchants who regard Manchuria as a
promising trade centre were extremely
sceptical of Japan's good faith. Several
correspondents of London papers went
so far as to assert that while the north-
ern ports in the possession of Japan
were nominally closed to all traders,
Japanese merchants were flocking in their
hundreds into the interior without let or
hindrance, while foreigners who endeavoured
to gain a footing in the country were court-
eously but rigorously excluded. Whatever
may be said to the contrary, the testimony
of impartial critics all went to show that
Japanese commercial houses were bent on
establishing prior rights in Manchuria, and
it is just possible that the efforts of these
enterprising traders were not seriously resist-
ed by their military fellow-countrymen in
Manchuria. The "diplomatic corps" at
Peking was by no means oblivious to the
Japanese commercial invasion of Man-
churia, and in the early part of this month
a trenchant despatch from Mr. Rockhill,
the American Minister at Peking, was received
at Washington. In the course of that
dispatch Mr. Rockhill urged that the United
States Government should make approaches to
the Powers with a view to lodging with the
Tokio authorities a joint international protest
against the steps which were being taken by
Japan in Manchuria. He stated that the
Chinese Government, evidently acting on
Japanese representations, was imposing *khai*
duty on the goods of the Anglo-American
Tobacco Company in Manchuria to the great
advantage of the Japanese tobacco trade.
He also reported that whereas Russia was
withdrawing her war notes and paying the
full face value, the Japanese authorities were
deducting a discount of six per cent, except
in the case of purchases from Japan. The
question as to the *khai* duty on tobacco was
raised in the House of Commons in May
last, when it was admitted that an internal
tax had been imposed by the Chinese Ad-
ministration at Mukden, but the Govern-
ment was powerless to interfere unless there
was any discrimination against British goods.
All these reports, protests and disclaimers
clearly indicated that the honesty of Japan's
intentions "to carry out the terms of the
Portsmouth treaty was not entirely believed
in by a considerable section of the business
world. And although Japan's Ministers
repeatedly asserted that Manchuria would be
opened to foreign commerce at the earliest
possible moment scepticism prevailed in the
mercantile mind. Fortunately, Japan is now
in a position to prove her commercial
probity by declaring that Manchuria will
be opened to the nations of the world
within six weeks. Hongkong merchants
will be deeply interested in that announce-
ment, for it means that a new outlet
has been found in the north. Dealers
in yarn will be especially interested, because
there is every reason to believe that the large
stocks held in Hongkong on account of the
depressed condition of the market will be
reduced by orders from Manchuria. In ship-
ping circles it is not probable that the full
effect of the order will be appreciated until

next year when the northern ports are clear of
ice after the winter, but there should certainly
be scope for the employment of the excess
tonnage which has demoralised the freight
rates in the Far East since the close of the
Russo-Japanese war. While Japan has many
natural advantages in establishing a lucrative
traffic with Manchuria—and already rival
shipping companies in Japan are fighting
tooth and nail for supremacy in the carrying
trade—the vast resources and requirements
of the immensely rich province of Manchuria
should provide employment for a far larger
number of vessels than Japanese shipowners
can command, and stimulate the develop-
ment of many industries which have remain-
ed stagnant since Russia first over-ran the
country and isolated it from the world.
Even if Japan obtains the supreme place in
the Manchuria trade there should be a
plenty of openings for the commerce of
other nations, and it would not be surpris-
ing if merchants regarded Manchuria as the
"Klondyke of the Far East" for the next
few years. The fact that Japan also intends
to establish a Consulate at Canton shows
that the island kingdom is determined to
attack China in the commercial sense from
all sides. Hongkong merchants must rise
early in the morning nowadays if they intend
to hold their own in the Far East. The
commercial competition of the present day
in this part of the world would amaze and
bewilder the old-time merchant princes, who
acquired fortunes by dint of doing nothing
—emulating the House of Peers who, in the
words of Mr. Gilbert, "throughout the war,
did nothing in particular, and did it very
well."

A CONSULAR CORPS COM-
MISSION.

In connection with the eminently prac-
tical views of Captain Clarke, which
appear in another column, regarding the
possible methods of exterminating piracy
from the Canton delta, we have to submit
a supplementary suggestion which will no
doubt be considered in the proper quarters.
Captain Clarke proposes that a patrol system
under the control of the Imperial Maritime
Customs should be adopted, and it is now
suggested that, in addition to that scheme,
an international commission, composed of
the heads of the Consular corps at Canton,
should be formed to deal with all matters
affecting trade interests in Kwangtung pro-
vince. Such a Commission should not be
difficult of formation inasmuch as the
Powers having trade interests in South China
are represented by Consuls-General in the
capital of the province. The British Govern-
ment is represented by Consul-General
Mansfield to-day; the American representa-
tive has been raised to the status of Consul-
General, Mr. J. G. Lay being the last holder
of the appointment, while Dr. E. Heintges
represents Germany; Mr. G. Kahn, France;
Mr. J. D. da Costa de Moraes, on leave,
Portugal, and as will be seen from our special
telegrams to-day Japan intends to establish a
Consulate at Canton. A commission thus
formed would be representative of the
interests of all nationalities so that none
would be left out in the cold; none left un-
represented. Such a body would be most
helpful as an advisory board to the Chinese
authorities, and the Viceroy could not regard
it as anything like an "impertinent in-
terference." It is true that when trouble arises at the
present time communication is made to the
Viceroy by the consulates whose national-
ities are concerned, but were such a commission
in existence a joint representation could be
made to the Viceroy carrying greater force
than any individual protest could possibly
hold, and enabling the authorities to realise
the power of the opinion behind the representa-
tion. Much time would be saved in the
exchange of official notes emanating from
several sources on the same subject. A
difficult question would have to be placed on the
subjects which would come before the com-
mission for discussion; naturally, no questions
of a political character would be within the
scope of that body and individual claims
must be dealt with by the respective con-
sulates concerned. The main point would
be to secure cohesive action in matters affect-
ing all nations trading in South China, and
it is possible that such action would be
obtained through the instrumentality of a
commission such as that outlined.

While Lukong 390 was walking on the side-
walk in Graham Street last night and passing
house No. 13 he saw something dark on the
staircase. His bull's eye lantern was flashed
in that direction and a Chinaman crouching in
the corner came into view. The *Lukong* made
a grab at the Chinaman, but the man was slip-
pery enough to evade the policeman and bolted
down the road. A hot chase followed and the
suspect was captured. He was placed
before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at the Magis-
trate's Court, and admitted a charge of
vagrancy. He said that he arrived in the
Colony from Canton early yesterday morning,
on the *Kinshan*. He knew no one in the
Colony, but came to look for a relative who
would get him work. He was looking for his
relative last night. He was sentenced to one
week's hard labour.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A FINE of \$10 was imposed by Mr. Gompertz
on the master of the steam launch *Lee Cheong*,
at the Magistracy this morning, for carrying
passengers in excess, on the 15th instant. Mr.
L. S. Jackson prosecuted.

HONGKONG rejoices in a new weekly called
The Island. It is described as a satirical
review, but nothing has yet occurred which
appears to appeal to the satirical sense of the
contributors. There should be room for it,
provided more attention is given to local affairs.

At the instance of Inspector Withers, the
master of a grocery shop at No. 435, Queen's
Road West was summoned at the Magistracy
this forenoon for storing kerosene oil on the
premises without police permission. The
charge was admitted and a fine of 12s im-
posed.

LETTERS, on page 3, for and against the
Shanghai Dock directors will furnish food
for thought to those having an interest in the
leading business concern in Shanghai. An
article on Japanese finance is also printed on
page 3. The competition in the carrying trade
of the Pacific and the Orient, the results of
the H. V. A. Competition for the Governor's Cup
during July, a case of claim for money lent,
the sale of the *Meane*, and Lawn Tennis at
Macau appear on the seventh page.

A YOUNG overseer, employed at Mongkok, was
the recipient of a fatherly lecture, which cost
him \$15, from Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the
Police Court this morning. This was his se-
cond appearance in Court and his Worship
took the opportunity of informing the defend-
ant that he was a young man, and that it
would be better for him if he signed the pledge.
There were two charges against the defendant.
Drunk and incapable was the first, and being
in possession of a revolver and five rounds of
ammunition, without a permit from the police,
the second. Inspector Kerr said defendant was
found lying on the side-walk with his head
resting on the bottom of a staircase for a pillow.
His Worship fined him \$5 for the first offence,
and \$10 for the second.

THIRTEEN-year-old YOUNG Tsun, a schoolboy,
residing at No. 25A, Cochrane Street, was this
morning ordered by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, at
the request of Detective-sergeant Watt, to be
remanded in police custody until Friday next
when judgment in his case will be delivered.
The charge against Young was one of grand
larceny. He was alleged to have gone to the
house of a married woman, living at 22A,
Aberdeen Street, on the 9th instant, and during
the woman's absence stolen a cash box con-
taining one gold watch and a finger-ring,
valued at \$138, and a promissory note
worth \$500. When the woman returned
home and found her valuables gone, the police
were called in and later Young was arrested.
The youth pleaded guilty to the charge, but
Sergeant Watt applied for a remand, saying
that another party would be arrested for
prompting the boy to steal.

GIVING street lectures does not seem to be a
healthy job, at least Doctor Chen, an On des
think so now. This morning the doctor
charged a school-teacher with assaulting him
at Mongkok, yesterday. According to the
evidence heard, it was said that the doctor gave
a lecture at Mongkok yesterday morning.
There was a large attendance, and the subject
chosen by the doctor was "Ogery at Mongkok."
The orator went on beautifully
for a time, but when he became per-
sonal and touched delicate questions, a
few of his hearers yelled, "Kill him!" The
lecturer kept on and then matters became
lovely. He was dragged off his high horse and
thumped. The doctor, however, managed to
hold on to the teacher after the others had
cleared, and it was said he smashed his um-
brella over the head of the teacher, before he
gave him in charge. Defendant said he was
drunk at the time. He passed the plaintiff and
accidentally trod on his toes. The doctor bent
in pain and attacked him. His Worship fined
the teacher \$20 for the assault, and ordered
him to give the doctor \$5 as compensation.
He was also bound over to keep the peace for
three months.

THE *Yellow Dragon* for July contains a sym-
pathetic reference to the late Mr. Tang Chung,
formerly second Chinese assistant at Queen's
College, together with an interesting account
of the funeral ceremony. A patriotic Japanese
concludes his series of articles on "Japan Re-
visited." Under "School Notes" the state-
ment appears that the Evening Extension
Classes so warmly advocated by His Excel-
lency the Governor will begin in September,
but no particulars are given as to the nature of
the syllabus. Two former pupils will detail
their scholastic successes since they left
Queen's College. An ominous remark occurs
in the course of a short criticism of another
school magazine. The latter states that it in-
tends to become a quarterly and the editor of
the *Yellow Dragon* observes: "A monthly
issue often means a rush, and out in the tropics,
as we are, one often feels incapable of extra
exertion in the summer months." We may
imagine the *Gleaner* [the magazine under re-
view] some day. When it is considered
that the *Yellow Dragon* had a circulation of
800 copies last month, according to a state-
ment which appears on the first page, one
would think that a little extra exertion was
thoroughly justified by the reward.

A REPORT was made at the Central Police
Station the other day that an Indian boy, about
fourteen years of age, had disappeared from
home. The boy is the nephew of Mr. Marican,
the Dragon Cycle Depot. One day last
week the uncle of the missing lad thought he
would try Yaumtse, and it was there that the
boy was found in an empty house. In com-
pany with him were two Indians whom the
police took charge of, and at the police-court
this morning, charges of vagrancy were pre-
ferred against them. The boy alleged that he
lately became acquainted with the accused.
They told him to rob his uncle's house. The
next day, as alleged, the boy handed defendant
\$5. They were not satisfied with this and
planned with the boy a larger robbery. They
told him to try to open his uncle's safe and
remove the contents. As the uncle usually
carries his keys on his person, one of the
defendants took the boy to a locksmith and had
a duplicate key made, which they handed
him to open the safe. The lad came to realize
the nature of the affair, took the key and ran
home. Three days after this the boy was
missed and the report and capture of the
defendants followed. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz
sentenced the first defendant to three months'
hard labour, and the other to be placed in the
House of Detention.

SANITARY BOARD.

The Sanitary Board held its usual fortnightly
meeting in the Board room this afternoon, the
following being the business transacted.

GOVERNMENT ON COMPENSATION.

The reply of Government relative to com-
pensation for damage done during the cleans-
ing and disinfecting of premises, was sub-
mitted. The reply was as follows:—

"Sir,—In reply to your letter No. 108 of
the 28th ulto., forwarding a resolution passed
by the Sanitary Board on the 26th ulto.,
"that the authority of the Government be
obtained to incur the necessary expenditure
involved in restoring property damaged in
connection with plague prevention, to a pre-
sented condition, or in the event of the owner
so preferring that compensation to meet this
expenditure be paid to the owner," I am
directed to state that the Government will, in
accordance with the provisions of the Public
Health and Building Ordinance, 1903, referred
to in the final paragraph of your letter, give
reasonable compensation for property destroyed
or damaged by cleansing and disinfection,
where the case has been duly reported. They
have no authority, and do not propose, to go
beyond this provision.—I have, etc.,
(Sd.) T. SKEWMEER SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Sanitary Board.

Mr. Henry Humphreys' minutes: Although
section 85 of the Ordinance allows the Govern-
ment a loophole to escape, paying com-
pensation when cases of infection have not been
duly reported, it does not follow that it is
equitable for Government to take advantage of
it. The landlord is helpless in the matter, so
why should he be the sufferer. The Govern-
ment is bound to lose in the long run over the
policy of exploiting the landlord for all he is
worth.

Mr. Shelton Hooper minutes: This requires
further discussion.
The Hon. the Registrar-General minutes:
There seems no provision for compensating
landlords.

QUARRYMEN'S CEMETERY.

An application was laid upon the table
from the masters of the stone quarries of Ngau
Taw Kok, Sai Cho Wan, Cha Ko Leih, and
Lyeemoon, for a piece of land to be set apart
for their use as a public cemetery, as there was
only one public cemetery in Kowloon, which
caused the villagers great inconvenience and
expense in the disposal of their dead.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt minutes: There is good
reason to believe that in the course of the next
few years a very considerable increase will
take place in the population in the Lyeemoon
and Junk Bay districts. The time may now
have arrived when the question of a cemetery
for this section of the mainland should be con-
sidered. I should like to hear the matter
discussed.

The Hon. the Registrar-General: Is the pro-
posed site available?

The Hon. the Director of Public Works: It
is a simple matter to reach Kowloon City
by boat from any of the quarrying villages
mentioned.

THE TAI HANG AND WONG-NEI-CHONG
VILLAGES.

The report of the Medical Officer of Health
relative to these villages was submitted, in
which he stated that he found the places in
much the same condition as described by Mr.
Shelton Hooper at the last meeting, and stated
that some sheds built as pigsties had been
used as domestic dwellings, and must be vacat-
ed, while some houses appeared to be over-
crowded. A public latrine also was necessary
at Wong-nei-chong, while the roads needed
better surfacing and draining. The supposed
leper discovered there was, probably, a leper,
but his case had not been diagnosed; as it
would be necessary to remove him to hospital
for an absolute diagnosis.

He recommended that a resident in each of
these villages be deputed to see that his fellow-
villagers kept the places clean.

Mr. Shelton Hooper minutes: What has
become of the leper? The Government should
be asked to put the pathways in good order and
provide proper surface channels.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt minutes: I understand
the leper has voluntarily returned to his own
country.

NIGHT-SOIL AT TSIM-TSA-TSUI.

Further suggestions being called for regard-
ing the removal of night-soil at Tsim-tsa-tsui,
Mr. Liu Chiu Pak minutes: If the inspec-
tor sends the Government contractor to see
every resident who makes a complaint, or
wishes to engage a night-soil crew, it will
simply meet the case. There is nothing new in
the matter.

The Hon. the Registrar-General minutes: I
agree with Mr. Liu. If the other coolies are
unsatisfactory the Government contractor will
gradually get his own coolies in.

CURULES AGAIN.

An application from Chan Ping Cheong for
permission to erect curtain poles at No. 9, Elgin
Street was submitted.

Mr. Shelton Hooper: Should certainly be
granted for six months.
Mr. Humphreys: This curule question
wants going into *de novo*. Curtains, rags,
wants, etc., are much more dangerous to
health than properly arranged cubicles, and
no amount of Ordinances, and no quantity of
inspectors, will ever prevent Chinese putting up
temporary partitions of the above nature.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

English (*Moldavia*) 25th inst., 6 a.m.
American (*America*) 27th inst.
Ger. (*Prinz Eduard Friedrich*) 30th inst., p.m.
Indian (*Sutlej*) 5th prox.

The S.S. *Saint George* sails from Singapore
to-day for Hongkong.

The P. & A. s.s. *Arabis* sailed from Portland
on 4th inst., arrived at Yokohama on 22nd inst.,
between 4 and 6 p.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Seydlitz*
which left here on 18th inst., at noon, arrived
at Singapore on 23rd inst., at 7 a.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Bayern* left
Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on 22nd inst.,
p.m., and may be expected here on 31st inst.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Montague* arrived at
Nagasaki on 7 a.m., on 24th inst., and leaves
again at 4 p.m., same day, for Kobe, where she
is due to arrive at 4 a.m., on 26th inst.

E L E G R A M S .

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

MANCHURIA'S TRADE.

OPEN DOOR IN SEPTEMBER.

JAPANESE CONSULATE TO BE OPENED
AT CANTON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 23rd July,
2.45 p.m.

Viscount Hayashi states, that the
whole of Manchuria will be thrown
open to foreign trade from the 1st of
September next.

The Japanese Government will
open a Consulate at Canton.

OBITUARY.

VISCOUNT KODAMA DEAD.

A DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE STATESMAN.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 24th July,
1 p.m.

Viscount Kodama died yesterday.

[General Viscount Genta Kodama, Chief
of the General Staff in Tokyo. Born in 1854, he
was educated in Germany and became Vice-
Minister of War in 1892. In 1900 he was
appointed Minister of War and Governor-
General of Formosa. In 1903 he took charge
of the Home Office, but on the outbreak
of the late war, proceeded to Manchuria as Chief
of the Staff. On returning to Japan he was
appointed Chief of the General Staff and in the
early part of the year was created a Viscount
in recognition of his services.—Ed., H.K.T.]

RICE PROSPECTS IN SOUTH
CHINA.

PROGRESS OF SANNING RAILWAY SCHEME.

[From a Correspondent.]

Shui Hau Hoi Ping, 20th July.

The first crop of rice for the present year is
fair, though there are many Chinese who say
that it might be better, but on the whole it is a
fair yield and ought to go far to reimburse the
Chinese farmers for their arduous toil, because
from the time the rice seedlings are planted
until the harvest it means one series of toil and
hardship. Watch those men and even women
stand in the water up to their knees in trans-
planting the seedlings, covered often from head
to foot with dirt and filth. It certainly is no
pleasant task for the women who, as a rule, are
not used to such laborious tasks. Then follows
the weeding when men and women get down on
their hands and knees and pull up the weeds
and loosen the soil with their hands. Again
the pumping of water into the rice fields from
ponds, creeks and river is laborious task.
Men, women and even children toil at their
endless chain pump beneath a burning
sun, in fair or foul weather. Then comes the
rice cutting with the sickles in which even
small-footed women engage. How often have
I seen these same persons of the gentler sex
hold their backs because of the pain caused by
so much bending down and many a one grows
weary over the harvest toil surrounded by a
screen in beating or threshing out the rice.
For the old women is reserved the task of dry-
ing the rice, and how gladly they sweep the
cement floors prepared especially for the dry-
ing of rice. But from the first furrow made
with the plough until the rice is ready for the
kettle it means hard manual labour for all. A
good rice crop is fraught with great blessings;
it means filled larders, but what has always
impressed me most, is the fact that it means
fewer highway robberies, less thieving, less
pulpit and less piratical exploits, hence I
am always anxious that the Chinese should
have good crops, for it often means safety to
Chinese as well as foreign residents.

THE SANNING RAILROAD.

Just opposite this place, Shui Hau Hoi may see
a number of markeds erected where the rail-
road company has stored some of its railroad
material. The road-bed has been laid to the
distance of one or two miles and for each cubic
yard of road laid there is paid \$1.10. The
workmen employed to do the work are from
the region through which the road is being
built, hence the people of the district where
the road lies are the sole recipients of the
benefit received. No labourers from
other districts or from other regions in
the same district can find employment.
In two or three months the new market town
of Kung Yik will be built and it will, in all
probability, become the chief centre of the rail-
road where the workshops will be situated. It
is said that the reason the centre is not placed
at San Cheung Fau is because there is no
mutual agreement between the above-named
market and the adjoining market of Tik Hoi.

TIGER HAUNTS.

I am frequently asked by the Nimrods of
Hongkong where they can find a good tiger
hunt, but they do not want to be sent on a
wild goose chase. Bless you, masters of the
hunting art, I cannot take you to the very spot
where you can look right into the glaring eyes
of this wild beast. I do not even care to see one
unprotected as I am, but if you were to hear
all the tales of pigs and even men and women
carried off by these ferocious beasts, you would
know that there are plenty of tigers about 20
miles from this place, or about the same dis-
tance from where the *Sannan* was pirated. In the
Sanning region there is a number of
tigers, also in the Hoi Fu and Yeung Kong
regions. Occasionally they come very close
to the sea, and despoil the villagers of
their pigs and dogs. In many of these
places the people would be glad to be found
mighty hunters where the tigers are to be found
and where they have carried on their last de-
predations. But if you expect to catch tigers
in the mountain fastnesses, you cannot do it
by sailing up the river in launches. Make
friends with the villagers where tigers have
carried off some human being and they will
gladly help you to secure your tiger's skin,
even if they do not care when you shoot the
beasts, for, remember, the Chinese have a pro-
verb which says: "Every one wants to see a
dead tiger, but no one cares to see a living
one."

RAMBLER.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.
CHINESE COMMISSIONERS.

ARRIVAL AT PEKING.

JOURNEY COMPLETED IN SAFETY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 24th July,
1 p.m.

Duke Tsai Tsch' has arrived at Peking.

[The Commissioners arrived to investigate the principles of the government in Europe and America have thus completed their extensive journey. Duke Tsai Tsch' was head of the Commission and was accompanied by the representatives in China would make another attempt on his life—the first having been made as the Commissioners were leaving Peking last year, when the Duke was slightly injured by a bomb. Fortunately the mission has been safely completed, and it only remains to be seen what, if any, results will flow from the report of the Commissioners.—Ed., H.A.7.]

[Reuters.]

Russia.

London, 22nd July.

The Tsar has dissolved the Duma by a ukase and has ordered the convocation of a new Duma on the 5th March, 1907.

The Duma buildings are closed and guarded by the police, who refuse admission, and the Embassies are guarded by troops.

A State of extraordinary defence has been proclaimed in St. Petersburg.

Signs of disaffection have reappeared in the army, and cavalry has been sent to Kronstadt, where a ferment has broken out in the garrison.

A meeting of 2,500 bluejackets at Sevastopol has drawn up demands for presentation to Admiral Skrydloff, which, if not granted, will be followed by a revolt of the whole of the Black Sea fleet.

Troops are massing in St. Petersburg and Moscow, also at other centres, in addition to the Guard regiments which marched into St. Petersburg on Thursday.

All the proletarian organisations have completed preparations for a pacific general strike.

[V.C.D. Agent.]

The Fate of General Stossel.

JAPAN'S REGRET.

Tokyo, 20th July.

It is reported that a universal demand has been raised in Russia for the execution of General Stossel for the premature capitulation of Port Arthur. The Japanese regret that sentence of such an extraordinary nature should have been passed; they recognise that General Stossel did his best and they hope that the Imperial pardon will be granted to him.

Japanese Ambassador to St. James's.

James's.

Tokyo, 20th July.

Baron Komura left today by the Canadian Mail to take up his post as Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Illness of the Ex-Premier of Japan.

Japan.

Tokyo, 19th July.

Viscount Katsura is suffering from inflammation of the lung and his condition is causing some anxiety.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

1 p.m.

Buyers:—Hongkong Banks \$84, London £9, Union \$30, Hongkong \$15, China \$15, HK, C. and M. Steamships \$7, Douglas \$14, Hongkong Docks \$10, Rauls \$34, Shanghai Docks \$15, Hongkong Land \$113, Hongkong \$125, China-Bornes \$74, China Privileges \$10, Tramways \$135, Tees 240, Light and Powers \$10.

Sellers:—Canton Insurance \$30, China-Manila \$30, Shell Transports 276, China Sugars \$145, West Points \$52, Hotels \$125, Cottons \$14, Electric \$15, Ropes \$19, Watsons \$13.

Sales:—China and Manila \$30. Nominal:—National Banks \$47, Indo-China \$70, Kowloon Wharfs \$106, Hongkong Wharfs \$12, Dairy Farms \$14, Cements \$18, Powells \$14.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 2 1/2
Do. demand 2 1/2
Do. 4 months sight 2 1/2
France—Bank T.T. 2 1/2
America—Bank T.T. 2 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T. 2 1/2
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Do. demand 2 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T. 2 1/2
Singapore—T.T. 2 1/2
Java—Bank T.T. 2 1/2

Buying.

4 months sight L/C 2 1/2
6 months sight L/C 2 1/2
30 days sight San Francisco & New York 2 1/2
4 months sight do. 2 1/2
30 days sight Sydney and Melbourne 2 1/2
4 months sight France 2 1/2
6 months sight do. 2 1/2
4 months sight Germany 2 1/2
Har Silver 2 1/2
Bank of England rate 2 1/2
Sovereign 2 1/2

CANTON PIRACIES.

THE RE L DELINQUENT.

PROTECTION DEMAND FOR THE RICHEST PROVINCE IN CHINA.
PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

The fact that the question of piracy on the Canton delta is the all-absorbing topic of the moment was the excuse which a representative of the Hongkong Telegraph tendered Captain Clarke, the Secretary of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, for again encroaching upon his time, when the work of the Company devolving upon him is greatly above the normal on account of the preparations being made to furnish the shareholders of the Company with the half-year's statement of accounts. Captain Clarke, however, willingly spared half an hour, and gave a most interesting and lucid exposition of his views on the past and present conditions of the Canton delta.

Owing to his long connection with the river trade Captain Clarke may be considered one of the most competent authorities in the Colony to speak on that subject. For over 32 years he has been engaged in the river trade, and his actual employment with the Steamboat Company extends over 30 years.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION MEETING.
In the first place our representative referred to the meeting of the China Association on Saturday and invited Captain Clarke's views on that subject. Of course, Captain Clarke, like everybody else, commended the sound common sense which characterised the various speeches, but he disagreed with the views expressed by the Chairman with reference to the late Viceroy Li Hung Chang.

RESULT OF LI HUNG CHANG'S POLICY.
"I may trust to my memory," he said, "when I suggest that the late Li Hung Chang in no way deserves the encomiums which the chairman of Saturday's meeting bestowed upon him for his work in suppressing piracy. In fact, if you look up your records you will find that piracy was then as rampant near Canton as it is today, and in my humble opinion I attribute the prevalence of piracy at the present time to the evils attending the policy for which Li Hung Chang was responsible."

"I remember a case of piracy during the administration of Li Hung Chang which actually took place at the Honam Spit, right opposite Canton and near the Shaumen. That, surely, was a case as any we can recall during the régime of Viceroy Shum."

VICEROY SHUM'S LEGACY.
"Viceroy Shum succeeded Li Hung Chang after an interregnum and he inherited the legacy of an administration which sowed the seeds of evil in the form of public gambling in the Kwangtung Province. When the present Viceroy first arrived his energy was directed towards the extermination of the bad characters. He certainly drove them into Kwangsi and himself pitched at the head of an enormous force into the more northern province killing and slaughtering, it is computed, some hundred thousand people, the large proportion of whom were, I am afraid, innocent of any charge against them. It is quite true that the pirates were cleared out, but they were only cleared away from the delta to take refuge in side retreats—to come back again directly the vigilance of the authorities had been relaxed. Many of the worst characters in Kwangsi came down into the Delta lands when Shum went into Kwangsi."

THE GAMBLING EVIL.
"I said at the commencement that the late Li Hung Chang had more to do with piracy being rampant to-day than any other man that ever lived, and was responsible for the condition of affairs in the southern province of China. I advance that statement with much deliberation and with a full realisation of the serious allegation I make against the late Viceroy. It was who first introduced licensed public gambling in its worst forms in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Since his viceroyalty every township, even to the smallest hamlet, along the West River has its open gambling halls to attract and despoil the poor of their scant and to impoverish the rich. These gambling houses have a demoralising effect upon the people generally. As you are well aware, the gambling instinct is inherent in the Chinese race, and where otherwise a man would be honest and good once he has been smitten by the allurements and the morbid spirit of gambling he does not stop until he has lost everything; when he arrives at that stage he will not be deterred by fear of the law but will rob, pillage and commit murder to obtain the wherewithal to satisfy his mania for gambling."

STATE LOTTERIES.
"I don't place any limitation on the term. It is not far from true, for the like forms of indulgence that are alone objected to. It is the State Lotteries farmed out which are working the most pernicious evils, by the system of daily drawing. With tickets selling as low as 30 cents each—like the *san pin*, for example—so as to place them within the reach of the common labourers, these lotteries are eating into the vitals of the working class of that fine and wealth-producing country. The revenue raised by these State lotteries for the most part finds its way into the pockets of the officials and the gambling monopolists. Thus the wealth of the mass of the people is robbed from them only to be concentrated in the hands of a few unworthy satraps of the Viceroy. In my opinion, no country which claims to have a system of responsible government should be allowed to exercise the right of raising an 'iniquitous revenue from the proceeds of gambling.' I maintain that such a revenue is the most potent factor in reducing the poor to beggary and impoverishing the rich."

DELTA LANDS THE RICHEST IN KWANGTUNG.
"Have you arrived at these conclusions from personal observations?"
"Well, I have been giving you my personal views acquired after long years of residence here. My travels in the interior and my knowledge of Cantonese colloquial have brought

me into direct contact with the people of the country. But, if my views are not enough, consult any Chinese resident with a more or less observant trend of mind, and he will be able to tell you how within the last few years misery untold has been wrought within the Two Kwang provinces, due far more to the fact that the country is overrun with gambling houses than to the so-called visitations of nature. It is true there have been periodical floods with the consequent periodical failures in the rice crops and silk; but in spite of these I still hold the opinion that these delta lands are the very richest in the province and should be capable, and undoubtedly would be able, to support all the inhabitants and very many more but for the reason I have advanced—namely, the gambling which has demoralised and enslaved them to the worst of vices. The fact of the country being so very rich makes it, if I may be allowed to use a figure of speech, the carcass on which the vultures ever prey."

TWO RICE CROPS POSSIBLE.

And the vultures are—?

Officialdom, which does not hesitate to prey upon the poor by every means in its power. The rice produced in Kwangtung is the finest of any that is yielded by mother earth in China. In fact, this province is capable of producing two crops a year, two crops of the very finest cereals which the well-to-do are willing and only too eager to pay the highest price for. Yet that rice is exported principally to California and Australia because of the high prices paid there. Kwangtung is one of the finest and richest districts possessing no less than 20 silk filatures. If these people only had the protection of the Government in carrying on their legitimate trade and agriculture you may depend upon it that the people would produce sufficient themselves for all the inhabitants of the country, and would foster a trade such as would provide cargoes for any number of vessels."

HOW TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE.

"When you speak of protection how do you propose to provide it. At the meeting of the China Association it was held that piracy should be exterminated in the Canton delta, but so far only a generalisation of ways and means has been suggested for the suppression of the lawlessness that prevails. Can you reduce the theoretical propositions to something practical?"

"I certainly think that there would be no difficulty in adopting practical and practicable ways of eradicating the evil. What I would propose is the inauguration of a thorough patrol system. Such a patrol could be maintained by a well-organised and well-manned fleet of steam-launches under foreign supervision. I don't mean that certain officers and members of the crew should be in charge of the launches. No; the administration and the executive of such a patrol system must be vested in European hands; for instance, a sub-department of the Imperial Maritime Customs, under special administrative control, such a system if once inaugurated must not be in the nature of a haphazard or tentative effort to remove an evil existing now and for centuries past. The system once instituted must be permanent and constant. The patrol must be consistent and continuous, and the entire scheme worked without interruption. It must not be here to day and finished with to-morrow. It must not be done away with as soon as there is a temporary cessation of flagrant acts of piracy; but it must be continual for all time, so long as there is anything like a trade to work and develop in the province. And that trade, as I told you, is the rice and is capable of very great development indeed."

POPULAR TAXATION.

"But surely such an elaborate system as you propose must involve no small expenditure if it is to be efficient?"
"I can quite believe that, but I was about to explain that this part of the Chinese Empire is so very rich in its resources that any ordinary taxation which might have to be imposed in order to provide for the safety of life and property, which the new department would ensure, could be raised without any difficulty whatever. You would find that in the end it would pay the population to contribute to such taxation rather than to submit to the present intolerable state of affairs, which entails a enormous loss, more than is thought of, in knowledge, in life and money. You see?"
Captain Clarke continued—"The system now prevailing is for the authorities to leave the protection of the villages one by one to the leaders of each of them. That is surely a mistake. The patriarchal system of government is well enough in its way and I don't think there is any serious objection to offering against such a system in the country inland, but on the shore lines of the waterways and highways there must be a more efficient system. It is high time the patriarchal system had ceased. The elder at the head of a village should be done away with. Under the present system the elders have control of the people, and cannot spend more than the people will allow them. The elders, on the other hand, have to consult their own vested interests, which are, after all, no great in their own eyes, to allow them to submit to any such drastic change as I propose. They would not care to forego the privileges somewhat extensive in their own way, which they exercise under the present system. Nevertheless, a radical change is called for, and such a change, I have no hesitation in affirming, must be brought about if the evils we now complain of are to be done away with once and for all."

BEAUTIES OF THE CANTON DELTA.

"I have mentioned to you about the productive powers of the country; let me tell you something of the natural beauties of the country comprised within the two rivers, North and West Rivers. People are talking of Japan as a health resort, for recuperating their health and revitalising their energies after the hot summer months, but let anyone of those who wish to see a beautiful country take a trip to the delta. I have mentioned it in my own experience, and I have travelled not a little. I can say without fear of contradiction that there is no country in the world that I have seen that can offer such superb scenery as your eyes can feast upon as that in the district round Shuntan. But to have the full benefit and advantage of such a fine country and such exquisite scenery, we must have, first of all, safety of travel and safety of residence in the country."

WILD THEORIES.

"You ask me again about the protection afforded on our boats? Those who have been so prompt with their schemes and suggestions are babies in advancing the theories which they urge upon us. Didn't our army in South Africa fighting the Boers get constantly surprised, offered resistance and in the end, have to surrender? Well, the same thing I may say of our valiant officers and crews. If you placed such long odds against them they would be reduced in the same position on that our army was in in the early stages of the South African war. They

are surprised, offer resistance, only to be overthrown in the end. We are there, as I told you, the other day, as peaceful traders. The greater the resistance offered the greater the slaughter that would be wrought upon us. If the people on the *Saimin* had succeeded, we will say, in killing a few of the pirates, tell me, what do you think would have been the result?" Without waiting for an answer, Captain Clarke went on: "I tell you, there would not have been a man of the crew left to tell the tale of that awful tragedy."

A REDUCTION PROPOSITION.

"What is your opinion of the frequently-repeated suggestion that intending passengers should be searched at the ports of embarkation?"

"I will just answer that question by citing the case of the *Taihing* which may still be fresh within your memory. She was trading some ten years or so ago between Macao and Samshui under the Portuguese flag. What did the pirates do in her case? A pirate launch actually fired a heavy shot at her and brought her to, and boarded her in spite of determined resistance. The captain was wounded and left for dead on deck, and how this officer survived is a miracle. Now, tell me what would be the use of examining the passengers when boats like the *Taihing* could be fired on, on the high seas, and be made to stop at the pleasure of the pirates?"

WEST RIVER TRADE UNPROFITABLE.

"Let me tell you, in conclusion, just a few words more. You know that the West River, after several years of diplomatic agitation, was thrown open to foreign trade. The British companies, as the pioneers of that trade have laboriously worked, with specially constructed vessels, to open up and develop that trade. We have met with all sorts of difficulties at the initial and subsequent stages of our operations, and as at present conducted and for many years past that trade has certainly been worked at a loss. If we adopted the numerous officers, the European crews and the thousand and one suggestions which have been advanced by people who have actually no idea of how the trade can be conducted, why, the expense involved in the multitude of Utopian improvements, which read well on paper, would press so heavily on the trade that not only would it be impossible to make a profit, but we should be compelled to lay up our boats and cease running."

THE GLORIOUS FUTURE.

"If you are losing to-day, why continue an unprofitable trade?"
"Because we are only sowing to reap. We look to the future, and in the future I am a great believer. The prospective possibilities of the West River trade are large, and if only we had order and good government secured for the two Kwang provinces, I can assure you with every degree of confidence that our boats would play on that river with profit and advantage to their owners, and great convenience to the travelling public generally."

CONCRETE SURFACES.

STRICTURES BY MR. LAU CHU PAK.

Correspondence was submitted to the members of the Sanitary Board this afternoon relative to the cement concreting of ground surfaces. The Hon. the Principal Medical Officer of Health having, on the 2nd inst., issued instructions to the Surveyor that, as it was undesirable to require owners to relay 6 inches of lime concrete which was laid a few years ago, unless the existing material was so pervious as to produce insanitary conditions, by seeping from above, or saturated by fit from below as to be a nuisance, or to be no barrier against the entrance of rats,

Mr. Lau Chu Pak intimated: I don't think the P.C.M.O. should have given such instructions as he did in his minute of the 2nd July, 1906, without first consulting the Board. It is entirely a question for the Board, and the papers should have been laid before the Board before any instructions should have been issued. If the P.C.M.O. is correct, then the only way the Board can have section 112 carried out is to prove a nuisance under section 26, and the notices, which were served during the past two years, requiring property-owners to relay the concrete laid within the last four or five years, should not have been served at all, and the owners and tenants would have been saved a lot of trouble and expense. According to sections 111 and 112 the concrete must be laid to the satisfaction of the Board, and in this case the Board had not been consulted before a line of action was drawn. The P.C.M.O.'s minute introduces an entirely new view of the matter, and he takes upon himself to decide what is only in the province of the Board. Were the instructions, referred to by Mr. Carter in his minute dated 5th July, given by the Medical Officer of Health, who, as the adviser to the Board, and as one of the chief executive officers for the enforcement of the Ordinance, appears to have been ignored in the matter? The concreting of ground surfaces [? surfaces] in every instance was carried out under the supervision of and passed by the Sanitary Surveyor and the plague inspectors, and yet after two or three years, when another officer is told to go around and see to the same thing, he condemns it; who is to suffer for this state of affairs? The owners of property and their tenants are the sufferers. The course proposed by the P.C.M.O. appears as if it is to be decided by an officer by whom the Ordinance was passed. As in this instance, he admits he might not have examined all the houses in question, so it may be presumed that in some other instances he might not have examined at all, but simply signed the certificate as he thought fit. Mr. Perkins reports that the concrete "had never been good," and that being so the work should never have been passed. It would not have cost the owner anything more than the contract price, if, at the time, the surveyor had refused to pass the work whereas now, to do two inches of cement on top as a compromise, will cost the owner, if not more, equally as much money, and trouble as to do the work over again. I strongly object to the compromise, unless the Board itself is prepared to pay for what is not due to the fault of the owner."

Mr. Stelton Hooper: It is a serious allegation against the officer who passed the work, and issued the certificate in the first instance and should be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Humphreys: The Principal Civil Medical Officer of Health's instructions to Mr. Carter may have been *ultra vires*, but they were very sensible, and should in my opinion be endorsed by the Board.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun: I would suggest that the matter be thoroughly sifted before effecting any compromise.

The Hon. the Registrar-General: The inspection is not made to protect the owner against the contractor he employs.

Mr. Humphreys: The Principal Civil Medical Officer of Health's instructions to Mr. Carter may have been *ultra vires*, but they were very sensible, and should in my opinion be endorsed by the Board.

To-day's Advertisements.

IT is hereby notified that the portion of the WONG-NEI-CHUNG RECREATION GROUND known as the NAVAL FOOTBALL GROUND, Plot D, will be CLOSED FOR REPAIRS on WEDNESDAY, 25th instant, and until further notice.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 24th July, 1906. [763]

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Hongkong, 24th July, 1906. [765]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before TO-DAY, at 6 P.M., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 30th July, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 30th July, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 30th July, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1906. [771]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TUESDAY, 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, 30th July, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 30th July, at 10 A.M.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHING WO"	16th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	23rd "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CYCLOPS"	30th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"BELLEROPHON"	30th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	30th "

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LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	"ORSTES"	14th August.
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MANILA	"TEAN"	31st "
SHANGHAI	"YOHOW"	1st August.
CEBU and LOILO	"HUNGKIANG"	1st "
CHEFOO and NEWCHWANG	"KWEIYANG"	7th "
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* SILESIA	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	30th July.
* SCANDIA	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	9th August.
* SLAVONIA	SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	14th August.
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SPEZIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG and COLOMBO	21st August.
* SILESIA	NAPLES, HAVRE and HAMBURG, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG and COLOMBO	4th September.
* SCANDIA	NAPLES, HAVRE and HAMBURG, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG and COLOMBO	18th September.
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Hongkong, 24th July, 1906.

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Captain F. L. John George, will be despatched as
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Captain A. M. Rait, will be despatched as
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Hongkong, 24th July, 1906.

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Hongkong, 23rd July, 1906.

Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 4 P.M., the 25th instant, will be
landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consig-
nees of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the
25th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk
and expense into the hazardous and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside,
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SUNDA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Caledonia*.
From Italy.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 25th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignee's
agent and the Company's representative at an ap-
pointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days
of the steamer's arrival here after which date
they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1906.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-
pany, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 24th instant, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 30th
instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1906.

Consignees.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAIDA,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 12 o'clock Noon, the 24th instant,
will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1906.

Intimations.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILD-
INGS ORDINANCE COMMISSION.

TAKE NOTICE that a Commission has
been appointed to enquire into, and
report on the following matters, viz:—

1. Whether the administration of the Sanitary
and Building Regulations enacted by the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance,
1903, as now carried out, is satisfactory,
and, if not, what improvements can be made.

2. Whether any irregularity or corruption
exists or has existed among the officials
charged with the administration of the
aforesaid Regulation.

The Commission earnestly invite the in-
habitants of Hongkong and Kowloon to
co-operate with them by forwarding any com-
plaint they may have to make or suggestion to
offer in connection with the matters aforesaid
to the Undersigned.

Any person examined as a witness in the
enquiry aforesaid who in the opinion of the
Commissioners makes a full and true disclo-
sure touching all the matters in respect of
which he is examined will receive a certificate
from the Commission which will protect the
witness against any civil or criminal proceed-
ings which may be instituted against such
witness in respect of any matter touching
which he has been examined.

By Order,
W. BOWEN-ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1906.

MUTTON AND BEEF.

THE Undersigned is prepared to SUPPLY
FRESH MUTTON AND BEEF, at
Moderate Prices.

Should patrons find any Meat supplied not
to be fresh, full price will be refunded on the
return of the Meat to the Stall.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

The following are the highest scores for the Governor's Cup during the month of July 1906. There were 13 entries, the highest score being made by Mr. Watt—

A. J. Watt	62+8=70
G. A. Wakeman	61+8=69
R. M. Beckel	60+8=68
R. M. Beckel	60+8=68
J. C. Cow	59+8=67
Sir Francis Pigott	58+8=66
Dr. W. W. Pearce	57+8=65
J. H. Pidgeon	56+8=64
J. C. Peter	55+8=63
J. McCubbin	54+8=62
R. D. Alderson	53+8=61
W. J. Saunders	52+8=60
C. E. H. Beavis	51+8=59
W. Dobbs	50+8=58
A. Moir	49+8=57
E. W. Torrey	48+8=56
W. H. T. Davis	47+8=55
W. H. Wickham	46+8=54
E. A. Joseph	45+8=53
H. W. Bird	44+8=52
Capt. Barnes Lawrence	43+8=51
W. Chalmers	42+8=50
J. G. M. Harrison	41+8=49
J. Hutchings	40+8=48
R. E. O. Bird	39+8=47
A. Blouey	38+8=46
J. S. Lewington	37+8=45
Dr. W. A. B. Moore	36+8=44
Dr. Evan Jones	35+8=43
H. E. Goldsmith	34+8=42
C. E. Marshall	33+8=41
W. G. Humphreys	32+8=40
C. W. Brett	31+8=39

The post competition of 21st and 22nd July was won by Mr. A. J. Watt with a score of 62+8=70.

THE OCEAN-CARRYING TRADE.

Since the war it has become apparent that future competition in the carrying trade of the Pacific and the Orient will be fiercer, on with increased determination among the great steamship companies, writes the *Japan Chronicle*. The situation is aggravated by the amount of tonnage available, especially Japanese tonnage since the war, and already in the trade from Japan companies have experienced the ill-effects of many steamers being released from the Government military transport service—by which about two hundred vessels entered into competition for freight, resulting in the rapid decline of rates. The beginning of the era of acute rivalry appears to have now been fairly inaugurated. Leading Japanese and British companies trading between Shanghai and Hongkong are contending for the trade between these ports, and competition on the part of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will be extended by the establishment of a new service between Hongkong, Swatow, and Hongkong. The future struggle will become severe if the Japanese companies, as is suggested, should combine for a common purpose. This has been proposed for checking competition in the domestic trade and effectively meeting the increasing foreign competition, and it is a method which will probably meet with favour among Japanese shipowners.

An article extracted from the *American Press* and published in another column is worth attention in connection with the Pacific trade. The conclusions arrived at may not be wholly correct, but the comparison between the value of the American steamer *Dakota* and the British steamer *Telex*—made by an American writer—is worthy of attention. It is claimed the *Dakota* cannot obtain sufficient freight to warrant her crossing the Pacific and that she suffers under the further disadvantage of having to comply with American laws, which means the employment of American crews and other special regulations, all adding to the cost of maintenance. This, added to the great size of the *Dakota* makes it impossible to run her profitably. The writer goes on to make a comparison between the *Dakota* and the *Telex* a blue-funnel liner somewhat smaller, which is a very interesting reading and shows incidentally the difficulties and restrictions that hinder the growth of American shipping and tend to the advantage of its rivals. The writer in the *Pacific Oceanian* expects little benefit to accrue if the present U.S. Subsidy Bill should be passed, so long as cheaper ships are not built, but this is not the view of the shipping trade generally, which is naturally anxious for the Subsidy Bill to pass. In fact, representatives of the American Pacific trade consider the outlook very gloomy unless some assistance is received from the Government, either in the form of subsidy or the repeal of certain of the existing laws. This is the opinion of the Oceanic Steamship Company, or Sprackell line, trading between San Francisco and Australia. The trade of this line is valued at \$30,000,000 a year, and we see it reported in a Manila paper that the company will have to discontinue business if the Subsidy Bill is not passed. It is urged that the cost of working the line is too high to compete with conditions in the Orient. It is claimed that the company has been running at a loss for years, and it is compelled to withdraw from the trade, valuable traffic will be taken over by either the British or Japanese.

It is interesting to know that the Oceanic is the seventh American steamship company that has tried to operate a line between San Francisco and Australia and six have failed. For years past, it is stated, the Japanese have been establishing agencies in South America, San Francisco, and further north, and it is impossible for Americans to compete with them. Where it costs Americans 50 cents a day to feed a crew it costs the Japanese 11 cents, and the same difference is observable in all the expenses. The statement is made that if the Subsidy Bill should be defeated in Congress the Oceanic Steamship Company will be sold to Japanese. While this may be a move to influence the votes of Congressmen, there can be no doubt that American shipping is seriously handicapped in the competition on the Pacific, and will be at a greater disadvantage still in the keen rivalry that is now making itself felt in this part of the world.

SALE OF THE "MEANER"

ANOTHER HULK DISAPPEARS.

At noon, to-day, on board the vessel, Mr. T. F. Hough, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, Government auctioneers, conducted the sale, under the supervision of Commodore Pigott Williams, of the hulk *Meaneer*, hitherto used by the Army department as a hospital ship. All the bidders were Chinese, and the bidding commenced at \$20,000, and rose by bids of \$1,000 to \$45,000, when there was a pause, the next bid being \$500, which was noted, and so it went on till \$50,000 was reached, when one of the contestants retired, leaving Messrs. Yee Wo Tai and Chiu Kee the purchasers at that figure.

LAWN TENNIS IN MACAO.

FIRST INTER-CLUB MATCH.

At the invitation of the Tennis Military, the Foreigners' Tennis Club, the Naval and the Tennis Harmonia sent representatives to discuss the conditions for a tournament in which all the tennis clubs of Macao were to take part. The conditions having been agreed upon, and a cup having been mutually subscribed for, the meeting began last Monday. At the eleventh hour, however, the Naval Club had to scratch, as the exigencies of duty on board prevented the navy officers from taking a part in the match. It having been arranged that this time each club should send two couples to play in doubles, the following were the gentlemen who represented the various clubs.

Foreigners Tennis Club:—1. Messrs. K. Hedgeland and K. Pindor; 2. Messrs. E. V. Brennan and R. McKay.

Tennis Military:—1. Lieut. Baron Cadore and Lieut. L. Cordeiro; 2. Lieut. A. Santos and Lieut. A. Ubaldo.

Tennis Harmonia:—1. Arthur Basto and A. Silva; 2. Messrs. A. A. de Mello and C. Ricou. On the first day of the match, last Monday, the play being on the military grounds, the representatives of the Foreigners' Tennis Club met the Harmonia, the strongest couple of each of the said two clubs meeting in friendly rivalry. Hard play was the order of the day, and honours fell to the Foreigners Club. Messrs. Hedgeland and Pindor winning their set against Messrs. A. Basto and A. Silva by a score of 6 to 4.

The second meeting was held on the picturesque grounds of the Foreigners' Tennis Club, the Military Club playing the Tennis Harmonia. In the first set of the afternoon Lieut. Baron Cadore and Lieut. L. Cordeiro playing against Messrs. Basto and A. Silva lost the set by 1 to 6. Lieut. Santos and A. Ubaldo also lost to Messrs. A. A. de Mello and C. Ricou by 1 to 6.

The third day's match was played at the Tennis Harmonia, the Foreigners' Club meeting the Military Club. Lieut. Baron Cadore and Lieut. L. Cordeiro met Messrs. K. Hedgeland and lost the set to the Foreigners' Club by a score of 1 to 6. Lieut. A. Santos and A. Ubaldo also lost their set to Messrs. Brennan and Pindor, score, 2-6.

The further day's play was held at the Military Tennis Club, Messrs. Brennan and McKay meeting Messrs. Mello and Ricou lost the set by 1 to 6.

The tournament was concluded with the following totals:—Tennis Harmonia, 23 games; Foreigners' Tennis Club, 19; Military Tennis Club, 10.

An adjournment was then made to the Pavilion where Captain Damila de Menezes, Chief of Staff, and president of the Tennis Military, made a suitable speech, to which Mr. A. J. Basto, the president of the Tennis Harmonia, responded. The large concourse of spectators and the attendance of a very large assembly of ladies throughout the match, made the contest the keener, as every one played his best before such an appreciative concourse of spectators. The cup was duly handed to the representatives of the Tennis Harmonia for temporary custody of same, as it is one of the conditions that the said Cup must be won by a club twice in succession or three times in all, before it becomes the property of any Club. It is proposed to hold the second meeting in October next. The tournament, just ended, was the means of the *Mite* of Macao enjoying a healthy form of recreation, the more needed in such a quiet place as old Macao. On the last day of the match the military band discoursed a pleasant selection of music, and a few dances were enjoyed by the guests. The thanks of all are due to the committee of the Military Tennis Club for having promoted the tournament in which all took such a keen interest and enjoyed themselves so thoroughly.

A PROSECUTING solicitor appeared before Mr. H. H. J. Compertz, at the Magistracy this morning, and asked his Worship to be allowed to withdraw a certain case in which two Indian firms in D'Aguiar Street were concerned. The solicitor for the prosecution said that the defendant firm was alleged to have stolen and disposed of a packet, valued at sixpence, delivered to them through the post for the complainant firm. His Worship said that the grounds given were not sufficient, and added he would like to see the parties and their witnesses. "You will have to go entirely by the evidence of the witnesses," said the solicitor. "Quite so," replied his Worship. "I suppose they will come up now and perjure themselves over the matter. These Indians summon one another and then when the defendant party pays up, they want to settle the matter."

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Fligg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 24th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has risen slightly at Amoy and the S. Formosa stations; and fallen over N. China, SW. Japan and the Loochoos. The depression is still shown over S. China; and the Pacific depression is lying yet to the SE. of the Loochoos. Pressure is in defect generally. It is highest over E. Japan in the North, over the Philippine Archipelago in the South. Gradients are steep over the China Sea, and strong SW. winds will be met with over that area. Owing to the interruption of the cable, the Cap Rock observations are not available. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.25 inches.

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

In Summary Jurisdiction this morning, his Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, presiding, the Far Lee firm of No. 25, Macgregor Street, sued the Kwong Ching Cheung firm, of No. 64, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, for the recovery of the sum of \$211.60, being as to \$200 the principal due on a promissory note, dated 20th April, 1906, signed by defendant firm in favour of plaintiffs, and as to \$11.60, interest thereon.

M. R. Gardiner, of Mr. O. D. Thomson's office, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing represented the defendants.

Mr. Gardiner said the money (\$200) was paid to the defendant firm on the 20th April last, by the plaintiffs for the purpose of paying off certain liabilities of the defendant firm.

Man Ching Nam said he was partner in the plaintiff firm. On the 19th April last his son, Man Ying Chau, went to him and said that the defendant had appeared to him for a loan of \$200, and said that interest was to be paid at the rate of 2 per cent. per month. He told his son he would lend the money, and next day he handed the \$200 to his son to give to the defendant. Only his son was present when the arrangements were made. Later his son brought witness a document acknowledging receipt of the sum of \$200, which was to be repaid at the end of two months. The money had not been repaid, though he and his son had applied for repayment, and the sum was still due and owing.

To Mr. Otto Kong Sing witness said he paid the money in banknotes of \$5 and \$10, and his son paid it to the defendant firm.

His Honour: How do you know he did?

Witness: Because I saw my son for the money and I gave it to him to give them.

His Honour: All you know about it is that you parted with \$200, but you don't know what became of it.

Witness: The same day my son brought me a promissory note chopped by the defendant firm. I know of the defendant firm, but I do not know the partners; my son knows them.

His Honour: This man knows nothing about the matter, except that he gave his son \$200, but he does not know whether he put it in his own pocket or not.

Mr. Gardiner: I had to put this man in the box as the money came from him and he is a partner in the plaintiff firm. There is also the document.

To Mr. Otto Kong Sing witness said his business was a coolie contractor's business, and he supplied coolies to work on steamers.

Man Ying Chau spoke to the fact of the defendant firm asking him for a loan of \$200.

His Honour: Why did they ask you?

Witness: They were friends of mine.

His Honour: They knew your father lent money?

Witness: Yes, they knew that, but they did not know him.

His Honour: His business is that of a money-lender's shop?

Witness: No, it is not; he sometimes lent money in this way.

Witness, continuing, said he obtained \$200 from his father and paid it over to Fat Kin San and Lu Lai Chan, the partners in the defendant firm, and he got the promissory note produced.

Witness wrote the note at their request and then Lu Lai Chan chopped it in his presence.

At the end of the two months for which the money was lent he applied to Fat Kin San for the money, but he never saw the document before he never chopped it. He did not know the plaintiff or his son even by sight; he would swear to that.

His Honour said that had the old chop not been still used in the defendant's business, as admitted by them, he would have found for them, but as it was, a member of the firm had the money and chopped the promissory note with the firm's chop, and so there must be judgment for plaintiffs with costs.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s., 1,844, D. Lenz, 23rd July, Kobe 17th July, Gen.—M. & Co. Jacob Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 623, D. Hentz, 23rd July, Hamburg 20th July, and Hoiboh 22nd July, Gen.—M. & Co. Jostin Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, H. Ohta, 23rd July, Tamai via Amoy and Swatow 22nd July, Gen.—O. S. K. Amara, Br. s.s., 1,565, C. J. Mattock, 23rd July, Hongkong 21st July, Coal.—J. M. & Co. Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.M.S., 24th July, Vancouver, B.C., and 25th July, Hongkong 21st July, Ballast.—B. & Co. Tartar, Br. s.s., 2,768, J. H. Davis, 24th July, Vancouver 25th June, and Shanghai 21st July, Gen.—C. P. R. Co. Monmouthshire, Br. s.s., 3,366, G. E. Warner, R.M.S., 24th July, London and Singapore 25th June, Gen.—S. T. & Co. Loonggang, Br. s.s., 1,002, A. G. Smith, 24th July, Manila 21st July, Gen.—J. M. & Co. Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,639, R. Rodger, 24th July, Manila 21st July, Hemp.—S. T. & Co. Tientin, Br. s.s., 1,207, Monkman, 24th July, Bangkok 27th July, Gen.—B. & S. Hallan, Br. s.s., 337, L. Andersen, 24th July, Pakhoi and Hoiboh 23rd July, Gen.—A. R. M. Empire, Br. s.s., 2,843, S. J. George, 24th July, Kobe 19th July, Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Departures.

Tonkin, for Europe. Ernest Simon, for Shanghai. Kona, for San Francisco. Letham, for Batavia. Alcinous, for Shanghai. Protos, for Bangkok. Shou Maru, for Shanghai. Malsura Maru, for Swatow. Dokkai, for Canton. Kumsung, for Calcutta. Hongkong, for Haiphong. Hokko Maru, for Chienbon. Triumph, for Haiphong. Schwartzburg, for Singapore. Taming, for Manila.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Empress of China*, from Vancouver—Comdr. O. A. Raikes, R.N., Mrs. S. Banorgue, and Mr. P. H. Buiw. From Yokohama—Lieut. H. H. Thompson, Mr. T. C. Du, Major and Mrs. Chitty and child. From Kobe—Mrs. Weill and 3 children. From Nagasaki—Mr. E. A. Nicholls. From Shanghai—Mrs. C. J. Vaughan Lee, Messrs. A. Bonhacswitz, M. Nier Meyer, Care Hoffman, R. Vamora, P. L. Swenson, I. D. Hutchison, A. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruns, Mr. Kuznetsov, and 171 Chinese.

Per *Tartar*, from Vancouver—Messrs. G. A. Coombe and A. L. Sutton. From Yokohama—Lieut. Col. Joslin, Messrs. H. M. Savage and J. Kulon. From Nagasaki—Mr. Geriman. From Shanghai—Mr. J. Newhouse.

Per *Prins Sigismund*, from Yokohama for Hongkong—Mr. C. W. Smith. For Manila—Mr. Michel, For Brisbane—Mr. Guller. From Kobe for Hongkong—Mrs. L. T. Sham. For Sydney—Mrs. L. T. Sham, and Harry Turton. From Nagasaki for Hongkong—Mr. Franz Markers. For Manila—Mr. Miyake.

Per *Monmouthshire*, from Singapore—Mrs. Sheffield and daughters.

Per *Loonggang*, from Manila—Messrs. C. M. Sparrow, H. Williams, F. G. Watsons, James E. Neil, W. Tudlie, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Medina.

Per *Empire*, from Japan—Dr. Newall-Wilson, Messrs. C. E. Jeffries, W. Evans, Miss Binnie, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. E. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, and Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila—Messrs. F. Carli, G. Fugazza, E. Chandler, J. Crane, L. R. de Luberia, J. Cammerberg, Miss C. Wilson, James Davis, E. Holden, F. Yull, P. S. Noon, J. Davis, A. M. A. Tapia, M. S. A. Euseu, and 75 Chinese.

Passengers departed.

Per *AM Maru*, for Seattle and Ports—Mrs. J. M. Atabough and son, Mr. C. Deiring, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hay and 2 children, Mrs. G. C. Stackwood, Major and Mrs. Painter, Lieut. F. A. Maclean, Mr. and Mrs. Tani, Messrs. M. C. Hart, C. Miyasama, K. Murakami, S. Tsuchida, C. A. Hancock, W. E. L. Harkness and N. Crawford.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Zafiro* from Manila—Strong SW. wind, with very heavy SW. squalls, heavy sea.

Str. *Loonggang* from Manila—Strong SW. wind and sea, cloudy and overcast weather.

Str. *Alcinous* from Singapore—Strong monsoon with threatening appearance of the weather.

Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS.

Akashi Maru, Ger. s.s., 975, K. Ohta, 22nd July, Swatow 21st July, Gen.—O. S. K. Arratoon Apar Br. s.s., 2,031, E. Fey, 22nd July, Calcutta 6th July, Penang 12th, and Singapore 17th, Gen.—D. S. & Co. B. A. Broch, Nor. s.s., 541, Andersen, 14th July, Shanghai 8th July, Eathenware—Davidson & Co. Copple, Br. s.s., 2,744, Wm. Finch, R.N.R., 20th July, Hongkong 27th July, Yokohama 13th July, Kobe 15th, and Nagasaki 17th, Mails and Gen.—O. S. S. Co. Cranley, Br. s.s., 3,923, W. E. Steele, 8th July, Durban 13th July, Coles—G. L. & Co. Crusader, Br. s.s., 2,744, R. W. McBurn, 10th July, Calcutta and July, Coals.—M. & Co. Emma Luyken, Ger. s.s., 1,159, G. Cornard, 16th July, Mauritius 20th July, Sugar—Wing Sing & Co. Fri, Nor. s.s., 900, Nagle, 13th July, Hongkong 10th July, Coal—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co. Glenloch, Br. s.s., 2,997, E. J. Stallard, 6th July, Kobe 1st July, and Shanghai 6th, Ballast.—McG. Bros. & Gow. Hans Wagner, Ger. s.s., 961, J. Kageman, 20th June, Saigon 15th July, Rice—L. W. & Co. Hill, Ger. s.s., 1,276, Uecker, 14th July, Swatow 13th July, Gen.—S. W. & Co. Ingalls, Am. transport, 600, Scott, 3rd July, Manila 30th June. Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,918, Wm. Thompson, 23rd July, Japan 15th July, Gen.—N. Y. K. Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,142, T. W. Pickard, 23rd July, Canton 23rd July, Gen.—B. & S. Kutang, Br. s.s., 4,895, R. C. D. Bradley, 23rd July, Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 19th July, Gen.—A. M. & Co. Labor, Nor. s.s., 949, A. E. Olsen, 22nd July, Moji 15th July, Coal—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co. Lisa, Swed. s.s., 1,577, H. Harndahl, 22nd July, Sourabaya 10th July, Sugar—S. W. & Co. Lowther Castle, Br. s.s., 2,961, W. Lightoller, 21st July, Amoy 20th July, Gen.—D. & Co. Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,337, F. Natings, 21st July, Bangkok 13th July, Rice and Gen.—S. W. & Co. Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 833, N. Schreman, 20th July, Moji 14th July, Coal.—J. & Co. Mercedes, Br. s.s., 2,900, J. S. cGregor, 21st July, Yokohama 14th July, Ballast.—Admiralty. Neil MacLeod, Am. s.s., 901, E. Corral, 15th June, Manila 16th July, Ballast.—Barretto & Co. N. S. de Rosario, 715, M. Lopez Blanco, 12th June, Manila 9th June, Ballast.—Barretto & Co. Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, H. Demes, 17th July, Bangkok 13th July, Rice—B. & S. Petrarch, Ger. s.s., 1,212, R. Hally, 12th June, Hongkong 15th July, Gen.—W. & Co. Prometheus, Nor. s.s., 1,023, O. Karmeliner, 6th July, Bangkok via Swatow 5th July, Rice—N. Y. K. Quinta, Ger. s.s., 986, F. Frabm, 13th July, Bangkok 4th July, Rice and Gen.—S. & Co. Shahjehan, Br. s.s., 1,276, J. R. Scott, 14th July, Saigon 9th July, Rice, &c.—Wo Fat Sing. Shawmut, Am. s.s., 9,606, E. V. Roberts, 17th July, Manila 14th July, Flour.—D. & Co. Signal, Ger. s.s., 900, G. Schalkier, 23rd July, Bangkok 16th July, Rice.—Order. Sullberg, Ger. s.s., 782, C. Luppi, 23rd July, Swatow 22nd July, Ballast.—B. & Co. Taitan, Br. s.s., 1,100, J. T. Leing, 19th June, Hongkong via Ports 24th June, Gen.—B. & Co. Talyuan, Br. s.s., 1,208, L. Dawson, 8th July, Sydney 12th June, and Thursday Island 25th, Gen.—B. & S. Tinho, Br. s.s., 931, C. I. Kerr, 13th July, Bangkok 6th July, Rice—A. K. & Co. Warawong, Br. s.s., 7085, Thomas, 21st July, Roff 15th July, Gen.—D. & Co. Zaida, Br. s.s., 2,905, M. Rait, R.N.R., 23rd July, Rangoon 9th July, Gen.—J. M. & Co. Z. Y. de Aldecoa, Am. s.s., 1,200, F. Xandaro Echaur, 15th June, Manila 12th June, Ballast.—Barretto & Co.

Steamers Expected.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Moldavia	Singapore	P. & O. Collyer	July 23
Kagoshima	Singapore	N. Y. K.	July 25
Tijpana	Japan	J. C. L.	July 26
America Maru	Japan	T. K. K.	July 29
E. E. Friedrich	Colombia	M. & Co.	July 30
Bayern	Japan	M. & Co.	July 31
Eastern	P. Darwin	G. L. & Co.	Aug. 3
Suisang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Aug. 3

DOCK RETURNS.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Alta	Hongkong and Whampoa Docks		
Tin Hao	"		
Prometheus	"		
Tai On	"		
Hercules	"		
U.S.A.T. Ingalls	"		
Taiyuan	"		
Mercedes	"		

SHANGHAI.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Lima	20th Inst.		
Fenchow	New Dock		
Fido	International		
	Old		

Ships Passed The Canal.

1st June—Hudson, Machao, Sachsen, Soer, Teekat, Tonkin. 5th June—Kawachi, Yara, Spithard, 9th June—Manila, Oanfa, Indragiri, Polysten Longsor, Spatia, 12th June—Bayern, Benlaris, Benlaris, Nubla, Astanava, Benlaris, 15th June—Arman, Beica, Polysten, Prins Heinrich, Ghasse, 16th June—Altkol, Lueris, 19th June—Monmouthshire, Indragiri, Sambla, Tatra, Stegova, Orestes, Urmay, Grange, 22nd June—Achilles, Caledonia, Ningchow, Seneca, 26th June—Benworich, Calchas, Ceylon, Marlonch, 30th June—Dardanus, Ernest Simon, 30th July—Silent (Ger.), Sanuki Maru, Den of Maui, Montrose, 12th June—Benvenna, C. Ford Loeis, Tilomai, Jau, Telmachus, 10th July—Benlaris, Flintshire, Jaxon, Scandia, Siltona, Dongola, Errort, Prins Eitel Friedri, 14th July—Benlaris, Caledonia, Malta, Pileu, Radnorshire, Bingo Maru, Ching Wo, Pindart, 18th July—Charles, Thierghen, Preussen, Slavonia, Tamba Maru, Afjedo, Sultanah, 20th July—Deucalion, Kongsi, Salsumi, Socotra, Lideria.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:—Macao Per Hongkong, 25th July, 12.15 P.M. Kobe Per Talyuan, 25th July, 3 P.M. Shanghai Per Kashing, 25th July, 3 P.M. Shanghai Per Kwonggang, 25th July, 3 P.M. Cebu and Iloilo Per Sangkang, 25th July, 3 P.M. Tsingtau, Chelon and Newchwang—Per Sullberg, 25th July, 4 P.M. Amoy, Straits and Rangoon—Per Zaida, 25th July, 5 P.M. Bangkok—Per Paklat, 26th July, 11 A.M. Keelung, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma—Per Shawmut, 27th July, 11 A.M. Batavia, Chibon, Samarang, Sourabaya, and Macassar—Per Tifpana, 27th July, 11 A.M. Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hatching, 27th July, 11 A.M. Macao—Per Hongkong, 28th July, 1.15 P.M. Macao—Per Hongkong, 28th July, 1.15 P.M. Manila—Per Loonggang, 27th July, 3 P.M. Swatow, Weihaiwei, Chelon and Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 27th July, 3 P.M. Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth—Per Tartar, 28th July, 10 A.M. Manila—Per Zafiro, 28th July, 10 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per Deutania, 28th July, 11 A.M. Macao—Per Hongkong, 28th July, 1.15 P.M. Macao—Per Hongkong, 30th July, 1.15 P.M. Macao—Per Hongkong, 31st July, 1.15 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Kutsang, 31st July, 2 P.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, &c.—Per Empress of China, 1st Aug., 11 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per Bayern, 1st Aug., 11 A.M. Manila—Per Roff, 4th Aug., 11 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per Armand Belic, 7th Aug., 11 A.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Tartar, 8th Aug., 10 A.M. Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth—Per Talyuan, 11th Aug., 3 P.M. Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per Ernest Simon, 21st Aug., 11 A.M.

It is hereby notified that on and from the 6th instant, the rate of postage on letters from Hongkong and British Postal Agencies in China to Egypt and the Sudan was reduced to 4 cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof

SHARE QUOTATIONS.



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